

ABSTRACT

A pharmaceutical composition shows antitumor activity and contains Pulsatillae Radix and/or Ulmaceae cortex. The composition may be prepared by extracting powdered Pulsatillae Radix and/or powdered Ulmaceae cortex, and optionally one or more ingredients selected from powdered Ginseng Radix and Glycyrrhizae Radix in a solvent at the temperature of below 60°C, filtering and lyophilizing the extract, or admixing the above extracted solution with conventional auxiliaries, then filtering and lyophilizing the resulting mixture, and then formulating the lyophilized powder thus obtained to a pharmaceutical preparation. The antitumor composition is stable and maintains efficacy even if it is preserved for several years.